

Animals - Lobster

Wednesday, December 13, 2000

Duxbury Clipper

"Lefty" the Lobster Finds A Home

"Lefty", the rare blue lobster of Back River Fish Market fame, has a new home in her own tank in Woods Hole.

Back River Fish Market owner Don Merry said he took his one clawed blue lobster to scientists at Woods Hole Science Aquarium at the National Marine Fisheries Center last Thursday, where she was greeted with enthusiasm.

Merry said the famous crustacean will be on display with several other "colormorphs" ranging in tone from calico to yellow. Marine scientists say the rare color occurrence is said to happen once in every three million lobsters.

The six year old female lobster will be isolated from the rest because she is younger than the others and until her other

claw regenerates. He said the scientists were particularly impressed with her vivid color.

Following last week's front page *Duxbury Clipper* color photo of "Lefty", the fish market was inundated with a steady stream of curiosity seekers.

Local fisherman Rich Tower caught her in Cape Cod Bay over two weeks ago.